

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All Participants:

(1) Ann Y. Lam.

(2) Timothy Xia.

Status of Application: _____

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Date of Interview: 10 December 2007

Time: _____

Type of Interview:

- ☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

112, second paragraph

Claims discussed:

45

Prior art documents discussed:

n/a


Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

- ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

 Ann Y. Lam
 (Examiner/SPE Signature) *Primary Patent Examiner* (Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: In response to the 112, second paragraph rejection of claim 45, Applicant has deleted the language "for allowing seed biological cells to perfuse only outside the confined region in the chamber". Examiner stated that by deleting this limitation, the claim is rendered broader and reads on the newly cited prior art as discussed above. A discussion of the 112, second paragraph made in the previous Office action was also made. Examiner explained that the 112, second paragraph rejection made in the previous Office action relates to whether the "biological cells" in the previously submitted claim 42, line 14, from which the previously submitted claim 45 depends, is distinguishable from "seed biological cells". It appears that Applicant intends for claim 45 to mean that the confined region allows seed biological cells but not larger biological cells to perfuse only outside the confined region, but this was not clear in the language of previously submitted claim 45. It is also not clear as to what Applicant means by "seed biological cells" and clarification as to its meaning is requested. Applicant's attorney stated that the skilled artisan would understand what "seed biological cells" mean and that Applicant's attorney can cite articles to show this. Examiner stated that as a courtesy, the Office action in response to Applicant's amendment of September 27, 2007 will be made non-final to allow Applicant an opportunity to clarify claim 45 if Applicant wishes to reinstate limitations regarding "seed biological cells" →